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1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT WE MUST INFORM YOU OF THE
DEATH ON AUGUST 10 OF YOUR SON, MARK T. MURRIAN. CONSTRUCTEURS
INGA SHABA OFFICIALS INFORMED EMBASSY IN KINSHASA ON AUGUST
10 OF HIS DEATH FROM INJURIES SUFFERED IN A MOTOR VEHICLE
ACCIDENT APPROXIMATELY ON MILE FROM THE CAMPSITE AT INGA, ZAIRE.

2. IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER.

E. WE STAND READY TO ASSIT YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN. IT IS
UNFORTUNATE AT THIS SAD TIME THAT WE MUST ALSO IMMEDIATELY
CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE URGENT NEED FOR MAKING NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS. ZAIRIAN LAW REQUIRES A DECISION REGARDING
INTERMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FOURTY-EIGHT HOURS. MOST AMERICANS
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WHO DIE ABROAD ARE BURIED ABROAD. SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO HAVE
BURIAL TAKE PLACE IN KINSHASA, ZAIRE, THE CONSULAR OFFICER,
CIS OFFICIALS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WILL TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE
CARE TO FOLLOW YOUR WISHES AS TO CEREMONY AND SITE OF BURIAL.

4. SHOULD YOU PREFER TO HAVE THE REMAINS RETURNED TO THE U.S.
FOR BURIAL, CONSTRUCTEURS INGA SHABA WILL TAKE CARE OF THE

EXPENSES INVOLVED. WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS IS CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF ZAIRE AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN ZAIRE AND IN MOST CASES THE SERVICES FALL SHORT OF THOSE EXPECTED IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HOME TOWN FUNERAL DIRECTOR BE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THE ADVISABILITY OF VIEWING THE REMAINS.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY KINSHASA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF MARK T. MURRIAN IN YOUR MESSAGE. IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED, INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME. BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF PROMPT DELIVERY OF COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS, YOU MAY WISH ALSO TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SCS, AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.

(B) THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR YOU SELECT MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER YOU GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE. FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY REQUIRE, TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SCS, WASHINGTON, D.C., TELEPHONE 202-632-1423 OR 632-2172 DURING THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M. EST. AFTER THAT TIME, 202-655-4000.

6. YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. THE EMBASSY WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH CON-
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STRUCTEURS INGA SHABA. DUE TO THE NUMBER AND PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT, THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY A SEVEN-DAY INTERVAL BEFORE THE BODY CAN BE SHIPPED.

7. THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN KINSHASA WILL TAKE CHARGE OF ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WRITE FOR YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THEIR DISPOSITION.

8. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES (USUALLY SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS), A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU. THIS DOCUMENT IS BASED ON THE ZAIRIAN DEATH CERTIFICATE AND CAN BE USED IN THE U.S. COURTS TO SETTLE ESTATE MATTERS.

9. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, KINSHASA, BY PHONING 25881 THROUGH 25886 IN KINSHASA, ZAIRE. THE EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD IS MANNED TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY.

10. MY I EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN EMBASSY

KINSHASA, ZAIRE

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